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eham Rural District Council.

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I have the honour of submitting my Annual Report for the 31st December, 1925.

9,725 acres, which is the largest in the County.

ON.—Estimated population for birth rate is 14,500, and for death

FEATURES.—With the exception of the clay and pottery works, this ıgricultural district. Stone-masons' works have lately been erected nd of Wareham Station.

he year 157 inspections have been made, and in all cases where found, repairs have been carried out without the serving of statutory

E VALUE.—Land, £31,604 15s. 6d. Buildings, £59,639 18s. 6d. 1d. Rate brings in £378 10s. 2d.

SUPPLY.—Most of the district is supplied by wells. I have had few egarding shortage of water; several of the villages have a public . Owing to want of a proper supply of water near Organford, several hich were to have been erected had to be stopped.

E AND SEWERAGE.—With the exception of West Lulworth and the ıave no regular system of drainage.

:.—Mild. Prevailing wind, S.W.

.—The sanitary conditions outside the schools are fairly satisfactory. lvise more frequent washing of the floors with some disinfectant. I in most of the schools I have inspected, the floors are not washed ıree or four times a year; the interiors of these schools are not kept should wish, and require cleaning and painting.

UPPLY.—The supply is fairly good, between 270,000 and 280,000 gallons nnually. The milkers require more frequent supervision while milking they carry out orders, frequently given, to wash their hands before l to wash the cows' udders.

S AND COWSHEDS.—There are about 30 milk sellers, but no milk shops. ards require more cleansing, and the cow stalls more frequent white-washing. I have been strongly advocating to have cemented-in brick floors to all cow stalls wherever possible.

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Slaughter Houses.—We have four in the district, all satisfactory.

Professional Nursing in the Homes.— We have several qualified nurses in the district, all doing good work.

All infectious cases that I think should be isolated are removed to the Isolation Hospital, where they are attended by a qualified nurse, under the M.O.H. The District Nurses are supplied by the County Nursing Association ; the Nurse at the Isolation Hospital is supplied by the Rural District Council when required.

General Provisions of Health Services in the Area.—Tuberculosis cases are sent, when possible, to the Nirvana Home at Parkstone ; and, when able to attend, Clinic at Poole.

Maternity Cases are attended by a qualified midwife, and those who have no proper acccommodation go to Dorchester Hospital.

Fever Cases.—When required go to the Isolation Hospital. We have no hospital in the district with the exception of the Isolation Hospital.

Venereal Cases go to Dorchester.

Ambulance Facilities.—We have a horse ambulance for infectious cases.

Number of Midwives practicing in the area, 5 or 6.

Rivers and Streams.—I am sorry to report a certain amount of pollution in the River Piddle. Notices have been served on all persons committing this offence to abate the nuisance.

Closet Accommodation.—We are converting old privies into earth buckets whenever possible.

Scavenging.—We have no proper system of scavenging.

Housing.—Assistance has been granted to 22 persons under the Housing Act, 1923, making a total of 35 houses erected, 19 of which were completed and occupied at the end of the year.

Sanitary Inspector's Statement, 1925.—

No. of Informal Notices, 36. Statutory Notices, Nil.
Complied with, 36. Complied with, Nil.

No. of new Houses proposed, 12. Corfe Castle, 6. Langton, 6.
General housing conditions, improving. General standard, fair.

Unfit Dwelling Houses.—Total No. inspected, 157. No. of dwelling houses which were inspected and recorded under Housing of District, 1925, 125.

Remedy of Defects without serving formal notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority, 36

Number of dwelling-houses of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied, 16.

Number of dwelling-houses defects remedied, 116.

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Deaths.—There were 110 deaths, giving a death rate of 8.7, the lowest we have had since I have acted as M.O.H. Of these deaths:

26	were due to	heart disease.
1	,,	whooping cough.
2	,,	influenza.
1	,,	encephalitis lithargica.
6	,,	tuberculosis of respiratory system.
1	,,	other tuberculous disease.
16	,,	cancer and malignant diseases
7	,,	cerebral hæmorrhage.
6	,,	arterio-sclerosis.
12	,,	bronchitis.
4	,,	pneumonia.
2	,,	ulcer of stomach.
1	,,	appendicitis and typhlitis.
1	,,	cirrhosis of liver.
2	,,	congenital debility and premature birth.
4	,,	other deaths from violence.
18	,,	other defined diseases.

Notification under Infectious Diseases Act.—I have received 13 notifications.

9	were due to	scarlet fever.
2	,,	diphtheria.
2	,,	erysipelas.

Isolation Hospital.—The Hospital was opened during the year for scarlet fever. We have 8 beds and a bedroom for Nurse.

Bacteriological Work.—A certain amount of work done by myself; other work is sent away to a Bacteriologist.

Maternity and Child Welfare.—Health Visitor attends at some parts of the District.

Births.—The number of births during the year, 254, giving a birth rate of 16.12 per 1,000 births registered.

Infant Mortality.— Eight deaths occurred under this heading, giving a rate of 31.6.

An epidemic of measles started in December, of a severe type.

The general health of the District has been satisfactory.

I remain,

Yours obediently,

Kilcoursie J. Courtenay,

M.O.H.